

Part XVI. Controlled Substances Registration for Other Persons or Entities

18VAC110-20-710. Requirements for storage and security for controlled substances registrants.

- A. Drugs shall be stored under conditions that meet USP-NF specifications or manufacturers' suggested storage for each drug.
- B. Any drug that has exceeded the expiration date shall not be administered; it shall be separated from the stock used for administration and maintained in a separate, locked area until properly disposed.
- C. If a controlled substances registrant wishes to dispose of unwanted or expired Schedules II through VI drugs, he shall transfer the drugs to another person or entity authorized to possess and to provide for proper disposal of such drugs.
- D. Drugs shall be maintained in a lockable cabinet, cart, device, or other area that shall be locked at all times when not in use. The keys or access code shall be restricted to the supervising practitioner and persons designated access in accordance with 18VAC110-20-700 C.
- E. In a facility not staffed 24 hours a day, the drugs shall be stored in a fixed and secured room, cabinet or area that has a security device for the detection of breaking that meets the following conditions:
1. The device shall be a sound, microwave, photoelectric, ultrasonic, or any other generally accepted and suitable device.
 2. The installation and device shall be based on accepted alarm industry standards.
 3. The device shall be maintained in operating order, have an auxiliary source of power, be monitored in accordance with accepted industry standards, be maintained in operating order; and shall be capable of sending an alarm signal to the monitoring entity if breached and the communication line is not operational.
 4. The device shall fully protect all areas where prescription drugs are stored and shall be capable of detecting breaking by any means when activated.
 5. Access to the alarm system shall be restricted to only designated and necessary persons, and the system shall be activated whenever the drug storage areas are closed for business.
 6. An alarm system is not required for researchers, animal control officers, humane societies, alternate delivery sites as provided in 18VAC110-20-275, emergency medical services agencies stocking only intravenous fluids with no added drug, persons authorized by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to train individuals on the administration of

naloxone and to dispense naloxone for opioid overdose reversal, and teaching institutions possessing only Schedule VI drugs.

Statutory Authority

§ 54.1-2400 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

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